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Street closure debate continues

- The head of Khartoum Municipality, Mubarak Alkoada, stated yesterday to *Al-Rai Al-Aam* that the implementation of the decree calling for the reopening of Ali Abdelatif Street is a political one, and is now being transferred to the Presidency's Legal Advisor to determine whether it complies with legal contracts that exist with the American Embassy. "The government fully respects its legal binding contracts," Alkoada said. He also stressed that the contracts with the Embassy do not contain any financial provisions. Any talk of Khartoum local government deriving financial benefits from this agreement is "baseless." Alkoada added that the barricades in the street are a protective measure, and comply with international laws and treaties. The demolition of these barricades is a request that came from the public. If, after legal verification, the Governor of Khartoum decides to reopen the street, then the Embassy would be responsible for demolishing the barricades. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Foreign Minister to report on U.S. sanctions

- Foreign Minister Dr. Lam Akol will present today a comprehensive report to the National Assembly on the recent U.S. Government sanctions imposed on Sudan. (*Al-Wihda, Akhir Lahza, et al*)

UN/AU dispute over hybrid forces

- UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon will present to the UN Security Council his final report on the deployment of hybrid forces in Darfur for final approval. Diplomatic sources stated that there is a dispute between the UN and the AU over the leadership of the hybrid forces. Meanwhile, the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ali Alsadig, stated that there shouldn't be a dispute over the hybrid forces as the issue was resolved at talks in Addis Ababa and Abuja. (*Al-Sudani*)

Probe into murder of UN peacekeeper

- The investigation into the recent murder in El-Fashir (North Darfur) of a UN peacekeeper from Egypt revealed that some elements of Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) – Minawi faction were involved. An informed source told *Al-Sudani* that Minawi's bodyguards murdered the officer. Meanwhile, Eltayeb Khamis, spokesman for SLM-Minawi, denied the accusations, adding that SLM has nothing to do with the murder, and the government has failed to capture the murderers. (*Al-Sudani*)

Central Bank's new foreign currency policies

- Sudan's Central Bank imposed restrictions on foreign currency transactions, including limits on money traders. The new regulations, from which foreigners and foreign organizations are exempt, prevent Sudanese from buying foreign currencies from money exchanges for imports. Sudanese also may not buy foreign currency from money exchanges and credit it to their personal accounts in Sudan. Sudanese may not use foreign currency unless the money has been transferred from outside the country. The decree, which went into effect May 29, aims to end capital flight and bring foreign currency flows back within the banking system (*Al-Khartoum, Sudan Tribune, et al*)

Quote of the Day:

"The new restrictions on the foreign currency are mainly to combat money laundering and funding of terrorism."— Central Bank Governor Dr Sabir Mohamed Elhassan.

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